

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for tracking a piece of content comprising:

receiving an entry of the piece of content from a user;

5 storing the piece of content with a time stamp and an identifier of the user; and

preventing any changes to the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier after the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier
10 have been stored.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a user interface to the user through which the piece of content may be received.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the user interface is a Web page.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the user interface is an email client.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein the user interface is presented in a page paradigm.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising designating the piece of content as having a value to the user.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking a value associated with the piece of content.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the value is an estimated value.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the value is a market value.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the value is a compound value.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the value is a proportional value.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking the owner of the piece of content.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing information relating to the piece of content to a trading system.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing information relating to the piece of content to a docketing system.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining metadata relating to the piece of content.

16. The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining log data relating to the piece of content.

17. The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining context information relating to the piece of content.

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18. The method of claim 17, wherein the context information identifies a collaborative relationship between the user and another user.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the collaborative relationship is a joint project of the user and the other user.

20. The method of claim 1, further comprising controlling access to the piece of information.

21. The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining information relating to the user.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the information relating to the user includes personal information.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the information relating to the user includes employment information.

24. The method of claim 21, wherein the information relating to the user includes functional role information.

25. The method of claim 24, further comprising controlling access to the piece of content based upon the functional role information.

26. The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the piece of content to be linked to another piece of content that is already stored.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the other piece of content was created by another user.

28. The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the piece of content to be linked to a file.

29. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier of the user with a draft status.

30. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier of the user with a registered status.

31. The method of claim 1, further comprising linking the content, the time stamp, and the identifier to other information.

32. The method of claim 31, further comprising storing with the content, the time stamp, and the identifier recovery information identifying the other information.

33. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the content, the time stamp, and the identifier in a permanent form.

34. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the content, the time stamp, and the identifier in a manner that permits the content to be admissible as evidence.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the content, the time stamp, and the identifier are stored such that the content, the time stamp, and the identifier cannot be separated.

36. The method of claim 1, further comprising submitting the content, the time stamp, and the identifier to a witness.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the witness is a third party.

38. The method of claim 36, wherein the witness is a process.

39. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a digital fingerprint for the content, the time stamp, and the identifier, and storing the digital fingerprint.

40. A system for tracking a piece of content comprising:

a workstation that receives an entry of the piece of content from a user; and

5 a server that stores the piece of content with a time stamp and an identifier of the user, and prevents any changes to the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier after the piece of

content, the time stamp, and the identifier have been
10 stored.

41. The system of claim 40, wherein the workstation also presents a user interface to the user through which the piece of content may be received.

42. The system of claim 41, wherein the user interface is a Web page.

43. The system of claim 41, wherein the user interface is an email client.

44. The system of claim 41, wherein the user interface is presented in a page paradigm.

45. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also designates the piece of content as having a value to the user.

46. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also tracks a value associated with the piece of content.

47. The system of claim 46, wherein the value is an estimated value.

48. The system of claim 46, wherein the value is a market value.

49. The system of claim 46, wherein the value is a compound value.

50. The system of claim 46, wherein the value is a proportional value.

51. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also tracks the owner of the piece of content.

52. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also provides information relating to the piece of content to a trading system.

53. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also provides information relating to the piece of content to a docketing system.

54. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also maintains metadata relating to the piece of content.

55. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also maintains log data relating to the piece of content.

56. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also maintains context information relating to the piece of content.

57. The system of claim 56, wherein the context information identifies a collaborative relationship between the user and another user.

58. The system of claim 57, wherein the collaborative relationship is a joint project of the user and the other user.

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59. The system of claim 40, wherein the server controls access to the piece of information.

60. The system of claim 40, wherein the server maintains information relating to the user.

61. The system of claim 60, wherein the information relating to the user includes personal information.

62. The system of claim 60, wherein the information relating to the user includes employment information.

63. The system of claim 60, wherein the information relating to the user includes functional role information.

64. The system of claim 63, wherein the server also controls access to the piece of content based upon the functional role information.

65. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also enables the piece of content to be linked to another piece of content that is already stored.

66. The system of claim 65, wherein the other piece of content was created by another user.

67. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also enables the piece of content to be linked to a file.

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68. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also stores the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier of the user with a draft status.

69. The system of claim 40, wherein the server also stores the piece of content, the time stamp, and the identifier of the user with a registered status.

70. The system of claim 40, wherein the server links the content, the time stamp, and the identifier to other information.

71. The system of claim 70, wherein the server stores with the content, the time stamp, and the identifier recovery information identifying the other information.

72. The system of claim 40, wherein the server stores the content, the time stamp, and the identifier in a permanent form.

73. The system of claim 40, wherein the server stores the content, the time stamp, and the identifier in a manner that permits the content to be admissible as evidence.

74. The system of claim 73, wherein the content, the time stamp, and the identifier are stored such that the content, the time stamp, and the identifier cannot be separated.

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75. The system of claim 40, wherein the server submits the content, the time stamp, and the identifier to a witness.

76. The system of claim 75, wherein the witness is a third party.

77. The system of claim 75, wherein the witness is a process.

78. The system of claim 40, wherein the server generates a digital fingerprint for the content, the time stamp, and the identifier, and stores the digital fingerprint.

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